GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF EDIBLE OILS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total domestic demand and supply of various edible oils in the country at present;

(b) whether there is a large gap between demand and supply;

(c) if so, the extent of shortfall in supply and actual production of various edible oils in the country;

(d) whether the Government propose to import large quantity of vegetable and other edible oils during 2000-2001;

(e) if so, the details thereof and value of imports, country-wise;

(f) whether the Government are proposing to impose a ban on import of palmolein; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) The demand for1999-2000 was 96.43 lakh MTs for various edible oils and the domestic availability was and 61.50 MTs.

(b) & (c) : The gap/shortfall between demand and supply is 34.93 lakh MT.

(d) & (e) : As per EXIM the policy, import of edible oils is on OGL.

As per information available from the Solvent Extractors Association of India, theimport of edible oils during Oil Year 2000-2001 (Nov.-Jan) have been 12.33 lakh MT. The oils imported have been RBD Palmolein, refined rapeseed oil, refined soyabean oil, crude palm oil, sunflower oil, soyabean oil, rapeseed/canola oil and cottonseed oil. The countries from where the oils have been imported are Malaysia, Indonesia, Brazil, Argentina, South Africa, USA etc.Import being on OGL, the precise information about the value of import is not available.

(f) & (g) : There is no such proposal.